

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2264

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served October 20, 1981

Application of TARA LINES, INC., )  
for Special Authorization to )  
Perform Charter Operations )  
Pursuant to Contract with the )  
U. S. Department of Agriculture -- )  
SEA )

Case No. CP-81-13

By application submitted October 7, 1981, as supplemented and accepted for filing on October 19, 1981, Tara Lines, Inc., seeks authorization to operate pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1, transporting employees of the United States Department of Agriculture, Science and Education Administration (DASEA), in charter operations pursuant to a contract with DASEA, between the National Agricultural Library Building and Building 005, U. S. Highway 1, Beltsville, Md., on the one hand, and, on the other, the U.S.D.A. South Building, Independence Avenue, S. W., Washington, D. C. Applicant would also transport mail, express and baggage in the same vehicle with passengers.

The contract (supplemented by a letter of award) is for an 11-month period from November 1, 1981, through September 30, 1982. The contract may be extended, at the option of DASEA, for two additional years through September 30, 1984. The contract price for the entire 35-month period is \$14 an hour, less a two percent discount for payment within 20 days and specified penalties for various service failures. Two vehicles are required between the hours of 7:10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on each government work day. Tara proposes to lease two 21-passenger minibuses, and states that it will file appropriate lease contracts pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 69.

Applicant's president is an experienced executive in the motor bus business in the Metropolitan District. He certifies that he is familiar with the terms of the Compact and the Commission's requirements thereunder and will comply therewith, and he further states that Tara has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency and is not under any fitness investigation.

Tara's balance sheet for December 31, 1980, shows current assets of \$41,069, current liabilities of \$19,900, total assets of \$187,657 and equity of \$45,222. For calendar year 1980, Tara shows revenue of \$266,281, operating expenses of \$238,824 and an operating ratio of 89.69 percent. Corresponding figures for the first six months of 1981 are \$248,740, \$196,373 <sup>1/</sup> and 78.95 percent. <sup>1/</sup> For the initial term, Tara projects operating revenues from this contract to be \$63,252 and total expenses to approximate \$53,480. The projected operating ratio thus would be 84.55 percent.

The Chief of DASEA'S contracts branch submitted an affidavit in support of the application. He anticipates that between two and 21 persons will be transported each trip. During the past year, this service has been performed by Capital City Coach, Inc. DASEA has performed a responsibility check on Tara with affirmative results. A certificate of insurance consistent with Commission Regulation No. 62 is on file.

Inasmuch as there is a definite intent to execute a contract for the transportation of government employees by their employer for a period in excess of 181 days, this application appears generally to be amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. <sup>2/</sup> Pursuant to Commission regulation No. 70-06, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That Tara Lines, Inc., publish once, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Friday, October 23, 1981.
2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Wednesday, October 28, 1981.
3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W.,

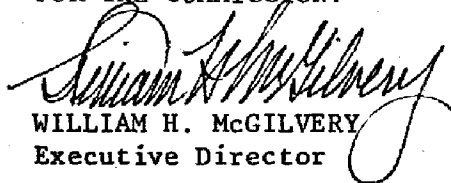
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<sup>1/</sup> Depreciation is not included.

<sup>2/</sup> See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979, and effective July 21, 1979.

Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than Monday, November 2, 1981, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on counsel for applicant, L. C. Major, Jr., Esquire, Major, Sage & King, 6121 Lincolnia Road, #400, Alexandria, Va. 22312.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director

